

Animals



Calling all animal lovers! Why not put your energy where your heart is? There are many opportunities to volunteer for those furry, scaly or feathery friends of yours. Be of help to an injured, abandoned or abused animal and become a part of the solution.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

3410 S. Old State Rd. 37 47401
349-3872 or 349-3492 front desk
www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter

Volunteer Contact: Kathy Obrakta **Minimum Age:** 16, but varies
Email: obraktak@bloomington.in.gov **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

An open-admission animal shelter providing care and shelter to homeless animals. Volunteers are essential to the care and comfort of shelter animals. BACC provides sheltering for homeless animals, assists in reuniting lost pets with their families, and welcomes visitors to adopt a new best friend.

* Teens can volunteer to take care of cats, walk dogs, do follow-up lost pet reports, help at the front desk, work at special events, and more. Volunteers take a 2 to 3-hour per week regular shift. Call 349-3872 for information on the next new volunteer orientation and training.

MONROE COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION

PO Box 1334 47402
335-9453 or 333-MCHA (6242)
www.monroehumane.org

Volunteer Contact: Sarah Delone **Minimum Age:** 16
Email: educate@bluemarble.net **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

Promotes respect and responsibility for all animals through humane education, community outreach, programming to assist in lowering the number of homeless animals in Monroe County, fundraising, and direct financial assistance to the City of Bloomington Animal Care and Control Animal Shelter.

* Teens can volunteer for Pet Partners® and visit nursing homes, schools and other facilities to share the joy of their animal companions with those in need. Or they can work at special events and special projects such as the annual pet food drive or take an important role in the planning of the Walk for the Animals or volunteer at this event in late September/early October. Office assistants are also needed.

OWEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

2014 Ramona Rd. Spencer IN 47460
829-6247
www.petfinder.org/shelters/IN269.html

Volunteer Contact: Jodi Schermerhorn **Minimum Age:** 13
Email: owencountyhs@bluemarble.net

Helps to find loving homes for pets and control the animal population through spay/neuter programs.

* Put your love of animals to use as a volunteer! Needed are Adoption Office Assistants, Animal Care Managers, Lost and Found Assistants and Welcomer/Greeters.

PEOPLE AND ANIMAL LEARNING SERVICES (PALS)

680 W. That Rd., Bloomington, IN 47403
336-2798 ofc. / 824-3000 barn
www.palstherapy.org

Volunteer Contact: Fern Bonchek **Minimum Age:** 14
Email: pals@indiana.edu

PALS is a nonprofit equine assisted program providing therapeutic riding and hippotherapy services to children and adults with disabilities as well as at-risk youth. PALS is accredited by the NARHA and is a United Way Member Agency.

* Teens can volunteer at PALS assisting in therapeutic riding lessons and working with horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking with riders during riding lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! A commitment of 3-4 hours per week is requested.

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PETS ALIVE SPAY NEUTER CLINIC

6522 S. Empire Rd. 47401

824-1FIX (1349)

www.petsalivespayneuter.org

Volunteer Contact: Susan Dabkowski **Minimum Age:** 16

Email: susanpa@bluemarble.net

The mission of Pets ALIVE is to end pet overpopulation in South Central Indiana through the operation of a regional, low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.

* Help maintain sanitary conditions in dog and cat kennel rooms, including cleaning kennels, carriers and feral cat traps; assist with doing laundry and restocking supplies.

RESCUE FARM, INC.

Ellettsville IN 47429

812-935-7077

www.rescuefarm.org

Volunteer Contact: Jodi Schermerhorn **Minimum Age:** 18

Email: owencountyhs@bluemarble.net **w/Parental Supervision:** 13

An entirely volunteer-run organization dedicated to ending euthanasia of adoptable animals in the Monroe and Owen County community.

* Feline fanciers wanted! Once per week shifts available at the Rescue Farm, Inc. in Ellettsville to help maintain the cat room with care and feeding. Offsite adoption help is also needed to assist adopters with finding their perfect pet match at adoption events in parks or at businesses.

WILDCARE, INC.

5970 W. SR 48 47404

323-1313

www.wildcareinc.org

Volunteer Contact: education director **Minimum Age:** 16

Email: info@wildcareinc.org

Volunteer wildlife rehabilitation program dedicated to providing prompt, professional care to injured and orphaned wildlife in South Central Indiana and educating the public on wildlife and the preservation of habitat.

* The cage building team will assist the staff in designing and building appropriate housing for wildlife, as well as relocating existing cages. Volunteers need to be able to use a hammer or a staple gun and do some lifting. Hours and days are flexible; training will be provided.